the cost of production and distribution. The Retrenchment Committee noticed this and suggested that the question of raising the present rates should be examined. This question was examined. It was suggested to the Government that postal charges should be levied in addition to the subscription. The Government, however, preferred to raise the rates of subscription by 50 per cent and to supply the Gazettes post-free as at present, and issued orders accordingly on 20th September 1932.

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Madras Services Commission examinations.

* 231 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether every candidate who applies for the Madras Public Services Commission examination has to send along with the application a medical certificate of physical fitness and if so, the number of applications received during the year ending 31st March 1932 and the number of applicants actually entertained in the service during the year 1930–31; and

(*b*) the average number of vacancies that generally arise in a year?

A.—(*a*) Examinations are held only for recruitment to clerical posts and to Assistant Surgeon's posts. Every candidate for admission to these examinations has to send a medical certificate. In all 3,262 applications were received during the year ending the 31st March 1932. The first examinations were held for clerical posts in March 1931 and for Assistant Surgeon's posts after the close of 1930–31 and the results of the examination for clerical posts were published in July 1931.

(*b*) The number of anticipated vacancies of clerkships, etc., (Madras Ministerial Service) was 1,750 in 1931 and 763 in 1932. Owing to retrenchment no vacancies necessitating any examination are expected to arise in the Assistant Surgeon's posts.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know from the hon. Member how many out of the 3,262 applicants that applied for appointment were appointed?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I must ask for notice."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"I think the number of persons appointed would be very small and to ask all applicants to produce a medical certificate of fitness whether or not they are going to be appointed is really a hardship to them. May not their names be printed in the eligibility list subject to production of certificate when appointed?"

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The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" The question has been considered. If we allow candidates to produce certificate of fitness after the examination is over, there will be considerable delay before the lists can be published as it will be necessary to wait till all the successful candidates have been informed of the results of the examination and have obtained and submitted medical certificates. Consequently we ask every one to produce certificate of fitness beforehand so that the results of the examination may be published as early as possible."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Is it not a case that a considerably larger number of people find their names on the list of successful candidates in the examination than there are number of vacancies? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" Generally some allowance is made for contingencies. It is however a matter for the Madras Public Services Commission to decide how long shall be the list of successful candidates."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know, before the names of the candidates in the present list are exhausted for appointment, whether the Government will hold a further examination? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" I am not aware."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know if there is any objection in asking the candidates to produce a medical certificate of fitness after they have been examined and found successful and whether asking the candidates to produce a certificate of fitness before the examination causes them unnecessary expenditure? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" These things have been examined. But as I have pointed out the Government find that there are practical difficulties if the candidates are allowed to produce certificates of fitness after the examination."

Oriya as Court language in the Vizagapatam Agency.

* 232 *Q.*—Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(1) if the reports referred to in answer to questions 1289 (*e*) and 1290 (*b*) have been received; and

(2) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place them on the table?

A.—(1) Yes.

(2) The reports[a] are placed on the table.

Deputation of Oriyas to a Member of the Board of Revenue in re: their grievances in respect of employment in the Public Service.

* 233 *Q.*—Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to call for a report as to whether Oriyas

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 254–256 infra.